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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7361

BILL NUMBER: HB 1905

DATE PREPARED: Dec 26, 2000

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Tuition Exemption.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that for purposes of the tuition exemption at state educational institutions provided to the surviving spouse or children of a public safety officer killed in the line of duty, the term "mandatory fees" includes room and board expenses. It appropriates to each state educational institution annually from the State General Fund an amount sufficient to provide the tuition exemption.

Effective Date: July 1, 2001.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Based on a survey of institutions of higher education, it appears that fewer than 20 students are enrolled on Indiana's campuses who are either children or spouses of public safety officers who were killed in the line of duty. Based on the average room and board fee of \$5,500, the cost of a traditional two-occupant dormitory room with 20 to 21 meals per week, the additional cost would be \$110,000 per year. This bill makes an annual appropriation from the General Fund to each state educational institution to cover these expenses.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Universities.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Survey of State Universities and Expenditure Schedule VIII from Universities 2001-03 Operating Budget Requests.